

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO )  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ) No. 23 WM 2020  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS )  
PLAN )  
)

**ORDER OF COURT**

**AND NOW**, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021, having previously declared a judicial emergency in the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, this Court amends its previous Emergency Operations Orders and now orders that the actions set forth below be taken pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2).

**I. Resumption of Jury Trials in the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania**

- Jury selection for trials in the Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas of the Fifth Judicial District shall resume on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.
- The Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division shall determine which cases shall proceed to jury selection.
- Jury selection for all matters shall take place in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (hereinafter the Convention Center), located at 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. All persons shall enter the Convention Center through the West Lobby entrance of the Convention Center.

- Jury trials for Criminal Division matters shall be heard in one of two locations that are large enough to ensure sufficient social distancing. These locations are:
  - Courtroom 700 (Civil Division Assignment Room) located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the City-County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.
  - Courtroom 313 located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

## **II. Safety and Health Measures**

- The Allegheny County Sheriff shall provide security for all court activities in the Convention Center and for jury trials in the Courthouse and the City-County Building.
- For purposes of this Order, the David L. Lawrence Convention Center is deemed to be a court facility. All provisions regarding court facilities contained in the Emergency Operations Plan Order entered on August 31, 2020 and its attachments shall continue to apply and shall apply to the Convention Center. Sheriff's deputies, police, constables, and building security shall have the authority to enforce all such conditions. Persons who are not compliant with these orders will be required to leave the Convention Center or other court facility.
- The health and safety of all persons, including but not limited to, jurors, witnesses and victims, defendants, attorneys, employees, judges and judicial staff is a priority of the Court. Accordingly, health and safety measures are in place and include:
  - All persons shall be required to undergo security screening (magnetometer and x-ray) upon entry to the Convention Center, the City-County Building, and the Courthouse.
  - Temperature checks will be administered upon entry to the Convention Center, the Civil Division Assignment Room, and Courtroom 313.
  - COVID-19 screening questions will be administered.

- Social distancing is ordered and will be practiced in all courtrooms and jury assembly rooms.
- Face masks or coverings must be worn by all persons entering or remaining in court facilities. Masks will be available for those who do not have one.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at key areas throughout court facilities.
- The public, including the news media, will observe jury trials in separate courtrooms or rooms designated for this purpose.

By the Court:



P.J.

Kim Berkeley Clark  
President Judge